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Ms. Kathleen Byrne, Hearing Examiner,  
Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings for Montgomery County  
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building,  
100 Maryland Avenue, Room 200, Rockville, Maryland 20850,

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Re: Case No. S-2385-Administrative Modification Application of the Olney Boys and Girls Club.

Dear Ms. Byrne,

I am writing to share my experience as an OBGC parent for over 20 years, and now a board member. My husband and I have raised our 8 children in a variety of sports programs offered through OBGC and what they have gained via mentoring, coaching, competing and socializing with the OBGC community is immeasurable. We take immense pride in the fact that many of our kids have volunteered as coaches and participated in onsite events long after they have "aged out" as participants.

My husband continues to coach basketball for the program, and I joined the board of directors in 2020, although we no longer have kids participating. This is because we understand the influence OBGC can have on developing youth. The overwhelming majority of funds raised for OBGC are reinvested in improving the experience for the kid, i.e., programing, providing scholarships and enhancing the playing facilities. Fundraisers like Field of Screams and Winter City Lights have had tremendous impact on OBGC's ability to provide a secure, positive experience for both kids and parents alike, at a time when community building and unity are most needed. This cannot be overstated.

I appreciate your efforts in helping OBGC thrive. I know that we who make up the OBGC community will commit to doing our part to foster strong ties with our local business and residents. Thank you for taking the time to hear my thoughts.

Best Regards,



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